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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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### MALE CATHETERIZATION

DEAR EDITOR: Although I am not a nurse, but a teacher, I am very much interested in the progress of the profession of nursing, and so "butt in" to the discussion going on in your journal on the catheterization of male patients. I was disappointed to see the reactionary attitude taken by the editor. Is it justice to the nurse to say that her morals are tainted by this necessary work? Would any one dare make this assertion of our celebrated gynecologists, who examine thousands of patients?—women.

Why does this superficiality and prudery prevail in the education of nurses and not in that of physicians? I am a student in a medical college, and I compared the books used by the nurses with those used by the medical students, and throughout the inferiority of the education given to the nurse was striking. The human body was everywhere expurgated and so were the lectures, although the nurses have a greater necessity for a thorough knowledge of the human body, both male and female, than we women in the medical school will ever have, as they have a much more extended practice among both sexes than we. The whole world of medical practice should be the nurse's, and she should *insist* on nothing less.

I read the statement that there are not enough nurses in the training-schools to make possible a thorough training for them. Would it be feasible to circularize the public and private high schools about graduation time, asking that the circular be read to the classes by the class president or posted on the bulletin board?

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### MALE CATHETERIZATION IN THE WARDS

DEAR EDITOR: The question of male catheterization, by female nurses, is again before the eyes of the profession, and I have read with interest two or three articles, pro and con, in the JOURNAL OF NURSING in the last three months.